

SENATE No. 2271

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to oral cancer therapy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Christopher J. Donelan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Franklin

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act relative to oral cancer therapy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, a health
2 benefit plan that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide coverage for a
3 prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells
4 on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are
5 covered as medical benefits. An increase in patient cost sharing for anticancer medications is not allowed
6 to achieve compliance with this provision.